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### BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

#### Education:

- Graduate of Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, B.S. Education, 1961

#### Occupation:

- Education Consultant/Braille Teacher, New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

#### Affiliations:

- Bethany Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey
- Member, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Member, World Gospel Musical Association
- Member, CWA Local 1037

#### Community Service:

- President, Board of Directors, Habitat for Humanity Newark, Inc.
- Board of Trustees, Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Newark, Inc.
- Member, National Council of Negro Women
- Life Member, Newark Branch NAACP
- Charter Member, Newark/Metro Chapter of the Political Congress of Black Women
- Listed in International Who's Who of Professional and Business Women, 1986
- Community Service Award, First Hopewell Baptist Church, Newark, 1988
- Community Service Award, Past Exalted Ruler, Council #17, 1989
- Distinguished Service Award, City of Newark, 1991
- 10 Outstanding Women in the South Ward, Donald Bradley Civic Association, 1993
- Outstanding Citizen Award, Project 2000, Seion Hall University, 1993
- Appointed to the Governor's Advisory Board on, Volunteerism and Community Service, 1993
- Honorary Chairperson, Essex County Family Violence Project

Among the many things that local government can and should do, I believe it must play a role in helping its citizens achieve good health care services, a quality education, safety in their homes and on the streets, and economic opportunity. I have developed detailed programs in these areas and in the areas of housing, recreation, youth development and local empowerment. Because of the limitations of this space, I am only highlighting an outline of a few issues from my overall platform. If you want the entire platform please write: Committee to Elect Mildred Crump, 249 Clinton Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07108.

#### **CRIME AND PUBLIC SAFETY—**

Violent crime has turned our neighborhoods into armed camps where a walk to the corner store could mean risking your life. Having been assaulted twice at gun point, there are few issues about which I feel a greater passion. I will wage an aggressive attack on the crime problem. I will insist on swift and stern measures to deal with hard core criminals and work with the court system to abolish the "Revolving Door Policy" where criminals go free within hours of arraignment. But it's not enough just to punish criminals. We have to do something about the conditions that breed crime. We must provide viable alternatives through training and employment and an educational system that works. I believe that crime is an "attitude" and until we challenge the "attitude carriers" nothing will change. I will propose effective training strategies that lead to real jobs—one alternative to crime. I propose that 50% of the \$150 million dollars slated for building a new youth house be used, instead, for prevention programs.

#### **HEALTH CARE—**

Total community participation in health service development and delivery is essential. I propose the following health care agenda:

- Reactivation of the Newark Community Health Council, as specified in the 1968 "Newark Agreements". The Newark Community Health Council was charged with developing a comprehensive health plan and community mental health plan for Newark's low income community; contracting for and operating federal, state, and local funded community health programs; formulating and coordinating training programs in the health services and health professions areas. The "Newark Agreements" also mandate that the Newark Community Health Council be composed of majority representation from the Newark community. I firmly believe that had we forced the implementation of the provisions of that agreement, Newark's health picture would be a lot brighter today.

- Creation of a comprehensive service delivery center in each ward of the city, providing "one-stop" access to service and information.

#### EDUCATION—

**Too many children suffer severe academic deficiencies before they reach high school.** I recommend a complete review and overhaul of the elementary school program. I urge the Board of Education to create a system of magnet schools on the Secondary level. All schools should have the special emphasis of Arts High, University High and Science High schools. Magnet high schools could focus on business and finance, commercial development, international affairs, applied science and technology, performing arts, and others. Additionally, I will push for a clear set of comprehensive educational goals to be published and explained to the community, more instructional and fiscal accountability, a greater share of current resources to be used for instructional purposes, empowerment training that enables parents to be effective partners with their schools and a safe learning environment..

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOBS—

**Major economic development in Newark has not benefited residents and local businesses as it should.** I will support economic development which provides substantive jobs for Newark residents. I intend to make city government focus on inner-city economic activity for all people. I will call for a community-based Economic Council to outline an economic development strategy. The Council will meet periodically with the residents of Newark to discuss plans, accomplishments, opportunities and problems. I will attempt to tie all public supported projects to economic opportunities for our youth.

I pledge to do my best to bring our community together and put an end to the politics of division which has developed in this country and threatens our community. I will vigorously attack the problems that affect Newarkers, pits us one against the other, and recommend workable solutions. In so doing, I will eagerly seek and accept advice from those who have expertise and experience to offer.

I truly believe that the fundamental purpose of government is to improve the quality of life for Newark residents. This goal can be achieved by providing and continually monitoring essential public services. When all is said and done, I will take full responsibility for that which you elect me to do. I will not make excuses for failure, and above all else, while I may not always tell you what you want to hear, I will always tell you the truth. I will make my campaign theme of "PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST", more than mere words. This is my contract with each of you. Thank you.